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Deputy Arrests Drunken Driver – OWI 6th



Milwaukee, WI – Last night, at about 9:00 p.m., a Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputy stopped the driver of a pickup truck for a seatbelt violation at the corner of S. 6th Street and W. Howard Avenue. The driver, identified as Alan Schmitz, age 62, of Milwaukee, was subsequently arrested for OWI 6th. Schmitz, who showed signs of intoxication, tested a .04 on the PBT. Schmitz was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for Operating After Revocation, OWI Related. Due to having 5 prior convictions for OWI, Schmitz is required to have a BAC of .02 or lower in the state of Wisconsin.

Schmitz's previous OWI conviction dates are:

- October 1991
- December 1996
- September 1997
- March 2009
- June 2013

If convicted on the OWI 6th charge, Schmitz faces up to six years and six months in prison.

Statement from Sheriff Clarke: *I've come to believe that the repeat drunk driver is as grave a threat to the lives of the people of Milwaukee County as any that exists. We all need to drive, to get to work, to pick up kids, to live our lives. We share these roads. And one like this, who repeatedly engages in drunk driving to the extent that he now faces a 6th conviction, makes the lives of others a mere lottery: Whether he hits and kills someone is, to him, a matter of simple chance. Nothing more, nothing less.*

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